

Cost of Living Crisis – Winter 2022
Meeting held at the Town Hall, Marlborough
Thursday 19th January 2023
3.30pm

Present:

Jane Dugan – St Peter’s Church
Sara Donaldson – St Peter’s Church
Karen Montgomery – KAMP
Vincent Stokes – Devizes & District Foodbank
Richard Spencer-Williams – Town Clerk
Andrea Millar – Civic & Cemetery Administrator

Welcome & Introductions:

RSW welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies:

Councillor Kymee Cleasby – Marlborough Town Council/ Marlborough Loves Kids Meals/ St Mary’s Church
Councillor Nick Fogg – Marlborough Town Council
Anne Hancock – The Jubilee Centre
Jill Turner – Marlborough Health & Wellbeing
Roger Grant – Manton Resident’s Association
Andrew Jack – Wiltshire Council
Rev. Chris Smith – St Mary’s Church
Rachel Rosedale – Marlborough Area Poverty Action Group (MAPAG)
Suzanne Lee – Marlborough Library
Councillor Jane Davies – Marlborough Town Council/ Wiltshire Council
Clare Harris – Assistant Town Clerk
Councillor Lisa Farrell – Marlborough Town Council
Sally Wolfenden – The Jubilee Centre

Notes of meeting held on 13th December:

These were noted. VS said he gave his apologies for this meeting, but it was not recorded.

Marlborough ‘Warm & Well’ Event – Jan 2023

Twenty-six people visited the Warm & Well event. All engaged in one way or another. Some were looking to set up warm spaces, others came for ideas for work. Although it was not very busy everyone agreed that the most valuable thing was the networking between groups. All agreed that we should look at maybe running another in Sept/Oct 2023 depending on the economic situation.

Engagement with the neighbouring parishes

AJ hasn’t heard anything this is possibly due to existing groups & activities filling that role in the smaller parishes.

Marlborough’s Warm Spaces

St Peter’s – 15-20 visitors a day. They are busier in the morning, so are now closing on a Saturday afternoon. They are getting visitors returning more than once. Their last day of opening will be Saturday 25th February.

KAMP – Very busy

St Mary's – Are going to start a 6 months trial of using St Mary's Church Cottage as a drop in centre. It will be open Monday to Friday and mostly staffed by volunteers. They are hoping to have the Citizens Advice Bureau & Social Prescribers doing some work out of there. The upstairs will be available for meetings etc. They are hoping to be open at the end of February.

Mapping of existing support & services/timetable of warm spaces

All the same at the moment.

Date of next meeting: Agreed to meet on a less frequent basis over the summer but keep in touch. Thursday 20th April at 3.30pm at the Town Hall to discuss what the situation is like following the arrival of April bills.